

Elbert County Fair Board

Minutes

2-17-14

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall by Vice-President JW Zion. Those in attendance were J. Zion, Fairground manager Kyrei Zion, Dan Carpenter, Charlie Carnahan, Russ Steen, Jill Duvall, Vicky Whitman, Kristi Strachan, Sarah Patterson, Dave Rook, Trevor and Extension Agent Sheila Kelley.

Approval of Agenda:

Three items were added to the new business: royalty report; sheep dog contest update and parade superintendent. Whitman/Strachan.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved as read. Carpenter/Patterson.

Guests:

There were no guests present.

Old Business:

Duvall and Patterson gave an update on fair publicity. They have met with Nancy Ramsour who has agreed to help on the committee. Duvall reported that the facebook page is getting a large number of hits. The group is working on making contact with newspaper and radio. Duvall wondered if 4-H members wanted to write some small stories to be included on the page. She also reported that it would cost \$87.50 to join the Chamber of Commerce to use the electronic sign at the south end of Rd 13 in Elizabeth.

Strachan reported there were no budget changes from what she turned in.

President Ben Duke spoke to Eric Moffitt to confirm that the group would not be hosting the tractor pull this year.

Carnahan and Steen reported that the EDCLA gave their members a survey regarding the BBQ at fair. Since they have not received them back yet, this will be tabled until the March meeting.

Extension Report:

Kelley passed around the flier on livestock/carcass classes. She asked for help publicizing the events and to be present at the Temple Grandin seminar. She reported that there were 20 youth

that attended the retinal scan clinic. She said it was very interesting. The members were able to do live scans on the animals and very much enjoyed it. RJ Kerchal and Jason Golding participated and will help at the beef weigh-in.

Beef Weigh-in will be Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9-11 a.m. Kelley will have her support staff send out reminders regarding paperwork needed, \$2 per head for an animal going to state fair, etc. Park County Extension Agent Deborah Lester will be performing the scans.

Andi Kerchal will be putting the information in a spreadsheet as the animals cross the scale for the extension Office. However, the board felt the handwritten one should also be done and considered the “legal” one for any issues that come up.

Fair Grounds Report:

K. Zion reported that the county will not be re-hanging the Loren Green sign on the bleachers and said the family could have it back if so desired. She said the county did not want to set a precedent by putting it up.

K. Zion said she had been contacted about using the portable panels for a club hog, lamb and goat sale on April 4. She wanted to clarify how she should handle this particular request and similar in the future. The board gave her permission to “rent” them out in the future. A refundable request of \$150 would be gathered prior to the event and returned if everything is replaced and not damaged.

The TE grant is in the final stages and should hopefully be done by May 1.

There is money in the budget to remodel the Ag Building to include a meeting room and other changes. It should be done by May-June.

K. Zion presented an idea for entertainment at fair and info on a business helping build fairboard foundations.

It was brought up whether the board would be using shavings, straw, sand or what in the beef barn to help reduce time and expenses of clean up after fair. After much discussion, it will be tabled until the March meeting.

New Business:

The new board members consideration will be tabled until the March meeting.

Whitman would like to have all fairbook changes/information to her by April 1.

It was decided that the Sunday breeding shows would be moved to within the fair. The sheep breeding show will follow the market goat show. The breeding swine show will be an in/out show scheduled before the swine showmanship contest. No breeding animals can be stalled at the fair. Kelley was going to check the data to see how many members had signed up for both breeding projects.

Smith reported for Brad Henderson that Brad is working on getting a band for the dance. He will report at the next meeting.

Strachan stated that she had been asked to relay a request from Royalty Superintendent Mary Louis Jacobson. Last year the board dropped the requirement that the royalty members be a 4-H member. Jacobson wanted to try this one more year to see if it brings in more applicants. The board agreed to do it one more year and re-evaluate next year.

Royalty applications are due to Jacobson on June 4. Tryouts will be June 20 at 9 a.m. with the clinic being June 26.

Strachan also told the group that the royalty girls' publicity photo/autograph sheets had come in. Last year the fairboard paid for half the printing cost. It was decided to do so again this year.

Strachan reported that the sheep dog trials superintendent, Jackie Robertson, was having trouble finding a supplier of goats that were within her budget. Board members gave Strachan some names to relay to Robertson. If other names come to mind, please email to Strachan.

Whitman stated that she'd talked to Karen Carnahan and Carnahan was interested in mentoring in as the parade superintendent. The board was also going to ask Nancy Ramsour if she was interested in helping.

Adjournment: Strachan/Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila G. Kelley
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